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# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1916



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# PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

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## COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

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HON. JAMES M. CURLEY,

*Mayor of the City of Boston:*

DEAR SIR,— In compliance with the Revised Ordinances the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners herewith presents the annual report for the year 1915-16.

JOHN H. DILLON, *Chairman.*

CHARLES GIBSON.

THOMAS F. GALVIN.

## REPORT OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

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TO JOHN H. DILLON, CHARLES GIBSON AND THOMAS  
F. GALVIN, *Commissioners*:

GENTLEMEN,— I beg to submit herein a report of the activities of this department for the year ending January 31, 1916.

The all-important need of the department at the beginning of the past year was to place the surface of the drives in such condition as would stand the ever-increasing traffic, and the consequent damage to the roads which is more noticeable to those frequenting park drives for pleasure than those using public streets in the ordinary course of travel.

To this end two important contracts were made. First, Columbia road was resurfaced with bitulithic pavement, from Franklin Park to Edward Everett square.

This, being one of the main arteries to Boston from the south, is subject to very heavy automobile travel, and as no great amount of repair work had been done on this drive since it was built in the year 1898, the surface was in very poor condition. After one season's wear it would appear as though this type of road construction would be most suitable for drives where the auto traffic is exceptionally great, the cost of this work being \$46,385.97.

The second contract was for Commonwealth avenue on the west side, from Beacon street to Cottage Farm Bridge. As the traffic here is mixed, that is, heavy team and automobile, it was decided to use wood blocks, that being next to granite blocks the most durable. Its



advantage over the latter named pavement is that it is less noisy and not so dusty.

This pavement has a concrete base and should endure for many years; the contract price was \$62,406.42.

In addition to the above, the department force resurfaced Audubon road, from Agassiz Bridge to the Fens Bridge, a distance of about 2,000 linear feet, with tar macadam. A surface treatment of tar was also applied to the other drives in the Fens, and the drives in Franklin Park were treated with a coat of heavy asphaltic oil and sand. Similar treatment was given the Strandway drive, from Edward Everett square to Marine Park.

The main parkway, from Franklin Park to the Riverway, was treated with a thin coat of Tarvia B and sand.

The needed repairs were made on Commonwealth avenue, from Brighton avenue to the Newton line. This is a surface tar treatment, and the repairs were made with the same material.

During the winter months, in order to provide work for the needy unemployed, grading of Ronan Park was started and work on the leveling of the proposed playground on Parker Hill was begun. At Marine Park a balustrade was erected from the Head House to Castle Island Bridge. This was flanked on the land side by a granolithic walk, 20 feet in width, and a planting space 10 feet wide.

The contract price for the granolithic walk and the erection of the balustrade was \$6,438.99. All material for the balustrade was made up at Franklin Park Service Yard by the department force of concrete workers. At Marine Park also the subgrading of the drive was nearly finished to connect Marine Park with Farragut road along the harbor front. The grounds about the Aquarium were loamed and graded and they were further enhanced by the addition of a rustic

foundation and artistic planting of hardy shrubs on the slope and garden plots in the lower ground.

The Fens was improved by grading the large meadow opposite the Art Museum and Simmons College and the planting of rhododendrons, kalmias and other broad-leaved evergreens on the steep bank south of the Richardson Bridge, opposite the John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial.

A large number of English elms were planted on Broadway, South Boston, for which tree pits had to be excavated and loamed.

At the Franklin Field Speedway a reinforced concrete stand was erected, the contract price being \$3,368.

Highland park was improved by grading, seeding, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. SHEA,  
*Deputy Commissioner.*

## REPORT OF PHYSICAL DIRECTOR.

TO JOHN H. DILLON, CHARLES GIBSON AND THOMAS F. GALVIN, *Commissioners*:

GENTLEMEN,—Any résumé of the work and conditions which come under my supervision as physical director must necessarily resemble other reports which I have submitted in former years, since the salient points of the routine activities are of a fixed character, and therefore, except locally or temporarily, do not depart from the tested methods which I outlined for my instructors several years ago.

Some slight modifications, as I have said, have been introduced to meet local or temporary conditions, such as the demand for the motions and rhythm of the modern form of dancing. This was introduced in a modified form in that portion of the class work for women and girls which embraces dancing. Previous to the last few years this part of the class work included only folk and æsthetic dancing.

One fact is worth repeating, as each year its truth is gratifyingly evident and universally conceded, and that is that Boston is still in the lead along the lines on which this department of the public service is moving, and this notwithstanding the large efforts that have been made by other cities in parallel directions.

The department now has ten gymnasias as against nine last year, with a total weekly attendance varying from six thousand to ten thousand per week. Of this number about 60 per cent are children or minors and 40 per cent adults.

That there is a strong attraction is proven by the

fact that a great number of the regular attendants of each succeeding year is composed of the same people. I have noted this particularly at Columbia Road, now in its thirteenth year of existence, in the morning and evening women's classes. We have the same class leader in both that we had in 1904, and there are about twenty-five other members who have also been nearly as regular in their attendance.

We have now definitely arrived at the point in the direction of children where we know that the habits of bathing and taking exercise which they acquire in their early years of spontaneous attendance at our public gymnasias clings to them in after years, and frequently it is found that the regular and interested patron of the adult class is the grown-up juvenile member of former years.

Much has been done at the various institutions in the last few years to foster the interest of the child. Social days to which the mothers and teachers are invited are held frequently everywhere. At Christmastime trees laden with inexpensive and useful gifts and some immediately appreciable eatables were given at every gymnasium except Columbia Road and Curtis Hall, where the character of the constituency, adult and juvenile, is of a different caliber, because the locality wherein they are situated is of the well-to-do residential order. The expenses of these Yuletide festivities were in each case borne by the employees of the respective institutions.

Visitors' day, on the first Monday and Tuesday of each month, to which the public generally and friends and parents of the members are invited, has gathered quite a lively interest into itself in many of the gymnasias.

Vine Street, Ward 17, this year opened its doors and possibilities to a locality which had had no public agency of this character heretofore. The response was large,

gratifyingly large, but not great enough, I think. The people of this district have not fully awakened to the immense advantages and benefits which we have placed at their disposal, though the nearness of Columbia Road and Cabot Street would partially account for any seeming deficiency of response.

A new building in Ward 7 replaced an old, poorly lighted and ventilated building and one impossible to heat. The response to the stimulus of new and attractive quarters was regulated by the character of the population in that vicinity. The children's classes are limited only by the capacity of the gymnasium; the men's classes also are large, but the ladies' classes, as at North Bennet Street, are poorly attended, because the population in both sections is mostly foreign,— poor, hard-working people, where the mother in the home is the hardest worked member of all, and consequently has little or no time for self-improvement or recreation.

The instructors this year, instead of teaching athletics on the playgrounds during the summer, were at the various beaches teaching swimming and life-saving and doing life-guard duty.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. WALSH,  
*Physical Director.*

## REPORT OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF BATHS.

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*To the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners,  
City of Boston:*

DEAR SIRs,— I beg to submit herewith my annual report of the activities and work accomplished in the Recreation Division of this department for the year 1915-16.

The number of varied industries embraced in the Recreation Division of this department continues to invite the praise as well as imitation by other cities of the country. With our nine beaches, eight floating baths and ten indoor gymnasia, in addition to our tennis courts, baseball fields, soccer and rugby inclosures, running tracks, outdoor gymnasia, bowling greens, speedway, toboggan slides and other activities, we can safely say that this city can compare favorably with any other large city of the country. The continued interest manifested by the patrons engaged in these various pursuits justify their maintenance throughout the entire year.

We in Boston are favorably endowed by nature in a manner that permits us to give more and better facilities than perhaps any other city in the country. Our coast line permits us to give bathing opportunities not approached by any other municipality, and the widely scattered playground facilities and indoor gymnasia enable us to cater to the wants of the people in practically every section of the city. The vast amount of

good done and the healthful opportunities offered by us can really not be measured by any gauge. I think twelve months' recreative and health giving activities is one of the chief cardinal principles in any recreation field of endeavor.

Our gymnasia have been extensively patronized by young and old alike, of both sexes. Our swimming pools have done much to give to all an opportunity to learn to swim, which is one of the chief assets of life. Our playgrounds have been thronged with devotees of the different activities thereon offered at the various seasons of the year, so that we may safely assert that in variety and number we are unexcelled in this respect. Our bathing beaches continue to excite the admiration of critics from every city by reason of their large number, their facilities and their widely scattered locations. Outside the fact that over 2,000,000 used our beaches during the past year, we can point with justifiable pride to the remarkably small number of accidents that occurred.

Our indoor gymnasia still continue to be the Mecca for candidates for the Police and Fire Departments of the city, who are tutored by instructors along the civil service requirements. This work has lead to the statement by the medical examiner of the Civil Service Commission that the physique of the Fire and Police Departments of the city measured up, on this account, with that of any other city in the country.

Our golf courses at Franklin Park have been extended, new putting greens laid out and an irrigation system installed, so that greens can be watered when necessary. The six-hole course for beginners has done much to relieve the excessive congestion on the nine-hole course for the more adept, but even now they are not large enough to cater to the demands made upon them.

The bowling greens on Franklin Field daily witness gatherings of the patrons of this popular sport, both from our own and other cities, and are a distinct feature of our recreative life.

The three toboggan slides on Schoolmaster's Hill in Franklin Park on afternoons and evenings when the weather permits are daily thronged with those who like to engage in this exhilarating sport. Over 300 toboggans were checked during the past season in addition to many transient patrons who used the course, indicating the popularity of the sport.

Where possible, in every section of the city skating areas have been provided on our playgrounds, and nothing contributes more to the health and pleasure of the people than this popular winter pastime.

The ever-increasing popularity of tennis has made necessary the construction of tennis courts on different playgrounds where the surface would allow it. At present about 100 tennis courts are scattered throughout the city.

A new feature has been added to our recreation by the laying out on Franklin Park of a cross country course, which has been used by the I. C. A. A. A. and the New England I. C. A. A. for their annual cross country championships. The local Amateur Athletic Association also hold their cross country championship run over these fields, and the course both as regards its topography and the manner in which it was laid out, enabling spectators to see the contestants at the same point on several occasions during the course of their run, is admirable. The Press of other cities has also commented favorably upon this course.

The opening of the new Ward 17 building and the new Ward 15 building have done much to alleviate the needs of the people of Roxbury and South Boston in the way of gymnasium work and public bathing.



I feel that Boston, the pioneer in playgrounds, gymnasium and swimming pool endeavors, should continue to hold its place among the leading cities of the country in this work, for no money expended in any department of the city has a more salutary effect on the people than these activities, which are under our supervision.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH C. McGRATH,  
*General Superintendent of Baths.*

## PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND ROADS.

COST OF MAINTENANCE PER ACRE, 1906 TO 1915, INCLUSIVE.

	Area in Acres.	COST PER ACRE.									
		1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
Adams street.....	.02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$2,896 00	\$1,355 00	\$2,488 00
Algonquin square.....	.04	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,919 00	1,468 00	3,338 00
Alvah Kittredge park.....	.13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	987 00	452 00	750 00
Arborway.....	36.00	\$300 00	\$363 00	\$359 00	\$224 00	\$211 00	\$214 00	\$204 00	176 00	92 00	153 00
Arnold Arboretum.....	* 223.00	33 00	31 00	18 00	15 00	14 00	16 00	19 00	22 00	17 00	13 00
Ashmont Playground.....	2.20	439 00	422 00	332 00	341 00	805 00	948 00	105 00	970 00	774 00	715 00
Belmont square.....	.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	560 00	672 00	595 00
Berners square.....	1.30	.....	.....	10 00	7 00	45 00	18 00	13 00	48 00	6 00	.....
Berwick park.....	.08	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,574 00	150 00	1,333 00
Billings Field Playground.....	11.00	92 00	112 00	77 00	139 00	157 00	238 00	268 00	277 00	160 00	195 00
Blackstone square.....	2.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	398 00	475 00	335 00
Boston Common.....	48.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	643 00	661 00	524 00
Brighton square.....	.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	526 00	331 00	402 00
Bromley Park.....	.48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	441 00	124 00	470 00
Camp Meigs.....	2.81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	126 00	95 00	125 00
Carolina Avenue Playground †.....	3.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	299 00	314 00
Carruth square.....	.05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,022 00	716 00	1,335 00

Cedar square.....	.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	407 00	288 00	274 00
Central square.....	.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	520 00	367 00	438 00
Centre square.....	.07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	612 00	864 00	657 00
Charlesbank.....	10.00	959 00	1,161 00	1,479 00	1,485 00	1,453 00	1,623 00	1,574 00	1,636 00	1,072 00	1,116 00
Charlestown Heights.....	6.10	489 00	579 00	605 00	619 00	542 00	562 00	539 00	576 00	497 00	558 00
Charlestown Playground.....	14.00	127 00	110 00	109 00	159 00	230 00	218 00	286 00	498 00	220 00	209 00
Chestnut Hill Park.....	55.40	113 00	119 00	108 00	112 00	121 00	131 00	146 00	99 00	52 00	51 00
City Hall grounds.....	.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,398 00	586 00	573 00
City square.....	.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	890 00	588 00	1,229 00
Columbia road.....	31.20	295 00	276 00	173 00	217 00	256 00	234 00	204 00	213 00	152 00	160 00
Columbus Avenue Playground.....	5.00	459 00	333 00	394 00	306 00	664 00	836 00	1,622 00	1,156 00	713 00	574 00
Columbus square.....	.61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	123 00	245 00	104 00
Commonwealth avenue †.....	112.70	553 00	376 00	463 00	507 00	328 00	359 00	809 00	613 00	262 00	756 00
Commonwealth Avenue Playground.....	8.10	71 00	59 00	119 00	145 00	133 00	180 00	239 00	226 00	146 00	183 00
Concord square.....	.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,607 00	1,691 00	1,849 00
Copley square §.....	.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	99 00	1,976 00	311 00
Copp's Hill Terrace Playground.....	.60	776 00	1,498 00	1,250 00	990 00	1,210 00	1,067 00	1,312 00	919 00	122 00	206 00
Cottage Street Playground.....	3.80	193 00	337 00	813 00	534 00	655 00	535 00	538 00	770 00	433 00	452 00
Dorchester Park.....	26.00	69 00	67 00	79 00	58 00	82 00	100 00	169 00	122 00	41 00	28 00
Drohan square.....	.24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	531 00	339 00	312 00
Dummy Field Playground †.....	6.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29 00	83 00	.....	.....

\* Of this area only the roads and walks (16.8 acres) are maintained by the city.

† At the end of 1905, 82.7 acres were added by the placing of that portion of Commonwealth avenue west of Brookline avenue and extending to the Newton city line under the care of the Park Department.

‡ Unimproved.

§ Includes Trinity triangle.

## PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND ROADS.—Continued.

	Area in Acres.	COST PER ACRE.									
		1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
Eaton square.....	.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$142 00	\$942 00	\$1,239 00
Elm Hill Park.....	.16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,479 00	1,231 00	1,179 00
Essex square.....	.02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	172 00	1,300 00	2,105 00
Factory Hill Playground*.....	5.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	8 00	.....
Fellows Street Playground.....	.85	\$1,122 00	\$1,184 00	\$1,251 00	\$259 00	\$84 00	\$476 00	\$579 00	2,670 00	2,324 00	2,695 00
Fens.....	115.00	169 00	170 00	143 00	121 00	256 00	145 00	150 00	209 00	151 00	132 00
Fern square.....	.04	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	236 00	1,268 00	994 00
First Street Playground.....	4.60	519 00	677 00	708 00	810 00	900 00	988 00	963 00	832 00	688 00	569 00
Florida street.....	.14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	517 00	1,516 00	1,468 00
Forest Hills Playground.....	9.60	59 00	29 00	76 00	26 00	68 00	56 00	146 00	259 00	154 00	190 00
Fort Hill square.....	.68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	953 00	900 00	743 00
Frances street.....	.04	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 00	819 00	1,426 00
Franklin Field.....	77.00	92 00	112 00	95 00	87 00	110 00	144 00	184 00	251 00	189 00	175 00
Franklin Park.....	527.00	106 00	139 00	114 00	136 00	129 00	121 00	137 00	148 00	107 00	89 00
Franklin square.....	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	454 00	454 00	348 00
Gibson Street Playground.....	5.80	279 00	261 00	279 00	280 00	258 00	302 00	403 00	610 00	431 00	402 00
Governor's Island.....	73.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 00	65 00	13 00	25
Greenwood square.....	.005	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24,042 00	23,140 00	26,050 00

Harold square.....	.02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,760 00	890 00	2,562 00
Hayes square.....	.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	686 00	870 00	1,300 00
Heath square.....	.06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	365 00	216 00	731 00
Highland Park.....	2.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59 00	81 00	106 00
Horatio Harris square.....	2.66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	159 00	135 00	158 00
Independence square.....	6.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	203 00	168 00	128 00
Jackson square.....	.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,897 00	1,756 00	1,110 00
John Winthrop Playground.....	1.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 00	667 00	327 00	481 00
Lincoln square.....	.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	898 00	605 00	1,091 00
Linwood Park.....	.08	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	318 00	244 00	763 00
Longwood Park.....	.48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	450 00	494 00	559 00
Madison Park.....	2.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	379 00	204 00	294 00
Magnolia street.....	.08	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	622 00	176 00	631 00
Marcella Street Playground.....	5.10	603 00	480 00	593 00	652 00	646 00	596 00	923 00	849 00	615 00
Marine Park †.....	52.50	174 00	231 00	227 00	223 00	234 00	200 00	247 00	147 00	592 00
Massachusetts avenue.....	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	530 00	599 00	467 00
Massachusetts Avenue Playground.....	3.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	363 00	134 00	.....
Maverick square.....	.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	292 00	3,254 00	3,459 00
Meeting House Hill.....	1.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	375 00	274 00	271 00
Milton square.....	.005	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,496 00	4,600 00	10,000 00
Mount Bowdoin.....	.58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	337 00	346 00	473 00
Mt. Ida Playground *.....	11.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	147 00	98 00	210 00

\* Unimproved.

† Includes maintenance of Castle Island shelter and piers.

## PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND ROADS.—Continued.

	Area in Acres.	COST PER ACRE.									
		1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
Mystic Playground.....	2.30	\$497 00	\$422 00	\$630 00	\$294 00	\$544 00	\$823 00	\$959 00	\$1,049 00	\$1,183 00	\$981 00
Neponset Playground.....	18.00	75 00	77 00	87 00	67 00	75 00	72 00	97 00	74 00	54 00	60 00
Norfolk Street Playground.....	6.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	443 00	577 00
North Brighton Playground.....	14.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	395 00	458 00	194 00	156 00
Oak View terrace.....	.12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,162 00	383 00	920 00
Olmsted Park.....	180.00	150 00	166 00	137 00	143 00	148 00	137 00	235 00	137 00	89 00	77 00
Orchard Park.....	2.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	227 00	243 00	288 00
Orient Heights Playground.....	5.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	108 00	182 00	138 00	214 00
Paris Street Playground.....	1.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 00	84 00	1,464 00	110 00
Park square.....	.07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	145 00	597 00	504 00
Parker Hill Playground.....	4.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	171 00	196 00	91 00	110 00
Parkinson Playground.....	4.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125 00	319 00	2 00	.....
Peabody square.....	.045	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	852 00	567 00	1,173 00
Portsmouth Street Playground.....	4.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	122 00	100 00	148 00	55 00
Prince Street Playground.....	.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,808 00	4,817 00	9,030 00	4,393 00
Public Gardens.....	24.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	923 00	667 00	653 00
Prescott square.....	.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	334 00	186 00	350 00
Putnam square.....	.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	476 00	400 00	428 00

Randolph Street Playground.....	2.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,626 00	1,452 00	958 00	757 00
Richardson square.....	1.06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	198 00	189 00	72 00
Riverway.....	40.00	427 00	460 00	322 00	536 00	349 00	769 00	290 00	260 00	260 00	199 00	201 00
Rogers Park Playground.....	6.90	220 00	246 00	132 00	228 00	286 00	309 00	216 00	310 00	310 00	157 00	208 00
Rosindale Playground.....	3.70	216 00	269 00	198 00	275 00	416 00	621 00	672 00	441 00	441 00	387 00	462 00
Rutherford Avenue Playground.....	1.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	71 00	235 00	2,238 00	2,238 00
Rutland square.....	.17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	873 00	788 00	866 00	866 00
Savin Hill Park.....	8.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	137 00	164 00	169 00	61 00	72 00	72 00
Savin Hill Playground.....	6.90	328 00	269 00	292 00	374 00	465 00	401 00	426 00	339 00	97 00	214 00	214 00
Seaver street.....	.06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,031 00	1,040 00	1,658 00	1,658 00
Soldiers Monument lot.....	.135	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	520 00	499 00	318 00	318 00
Sparhawk square.....	.17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,542 00	1,162 00	696 00	696 00
Spaulding square.....	.14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	385 00	236 00	378 00	378 00
St. Stephen square.....	.002	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34,220 00	13,300 00	23,125 00	23,125 00
Strandway.....	74.30	125 00	177 00	151 00	136 00	119 00	134 00	173 00	147 00	126 00	215 00	215 00
Sullivan square.....	1.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	388 00	315 00	278 00	278 00
Thomas Park.....	4.36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	387 00	233 00	213 00	213 00
Tremlett square.....	.16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,005 00	982 00	1,418 00	1,418 00
Tyler Street Playground.....	.26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	158 00	752 00	356 00	356 00
Union Park.....	.37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,022 00	732 00	579 00	579 00
Vose square.....	.005	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,130 00	3,900 00	10,000 00	10,000 00
Walnut Park.....	.13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	990 00	643 00	1,107 00	1,107 00





MAINTENANCE OF ROADS.	Square Yards.	COST PER SQUARE YARD.									
		1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
Commonwealth avenue, Arlington street to Beacon street.	60,600	.....	\$0 218	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Commonwealth avenue, Beacon street to Newton line.	203,700	.....	083	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Commonwealth avenue, Arlington street to Newton line.	264,300	\$0 210	122	\$0 170	\$0 189	\$0 119	\$0 127	\$0 309	\$0 173	\$0 086	\$0 301
Fens, Riverway, Olmsted Park, Arborway, Columbia road and Marine Park.	372,800	120	120	083	089	101	139	086	068	054	048
Franklin Park and Arnold Arboretum.....	210,100	068	068	029	033	030	031	043	038	018	018
Average.....	847,200	\$0 135	\$0 107	\$0 097	\$0 107	\$0 089	\$0 108	\$0 145	\$0 093	\$0 053	\$0 122

The above table shows the cost of maintenance of roads for the last ten years, with the average cost per annum for the same period. This includes all labor, teaming and road repairs, including resurfacing, cleaning out of catch-basins, sweeping and oiling for the suppression of dust.

## Location, Area and Equipment of Parks and Gardens, 1915-16.

PARKS AND GARDENS.	Area.	Location.	Equipment.
Adams square.....	2,058 sq. ft. 048 acre	Junction of Adams and Granite streets.	
Adams street.....	700 sq. ft. 016 acre	Junction of Adams and Codman streets.	
Algonquin square.....	1,728 sq. ft. 04 acre	Algonquin and Bradlee streets.	
Alvah Kittredge Park.....	5,600 sq. ft. .129 acre	Highland street and Highland avenue.	
Arborway.....	36 acres	Prince street to Franklin Park.	
Arnold Arboretum.....	223 acres	South, Centre and Walter streets.	
Belmont square.....	.689 acre	Webster, Sumner, Lamson and Seaver streets.	
Berners square.....	57,200 sq. ft. 1.3 acres	Longwood avenue, Pilgrim road and Plymouth street.	
Berwick Park.....	3,800 sq. ft. .087 acre	Off Columbus avenue, near New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.	
Blackstone square.....	105,100 sq. ft. 2.41 acres	Washington, West Brookline, West Newton streets and Shawmut avenue.	
Boston Common.....	2,096,020 sq. ft. 48.4 acres	Park, Tremont, Boylston, Charles and Beacon streets.	Ball ground and children's corner. Skating during the winter.
Brighton square.....	25,035 sq. ft. .574 acre	Between Chestnut Hill avenue and Rockland street.	
Bromley park.....	20,975 sq. ft. 482 acre	From Albert street to Bickford street.	
Camp Meigs.....	124,500 sq. ft. 2,806 acres	Clifford, Stanley and Irving streets.	
Carruth square.....	750 sq. ft. 017 acre	South Conway, South Fairview and Robert streets.	
Cedar square.....	26,163 sq. ft. 601 acre	Cedar street, between Juniper and Thornton streets.	
Central square.....	40,310 sq. ft. 925 acre	Meridian and Border streets.	
Centre square.....	3,200 sq. ft. .074 acre	Centre and Perkins streets.	
Charlesbank.....	10 acres	Charles street, from Cambridge street to Leverett street.	Three and one half acres playground area. Outdoor gymnasium, basket ball, children's playground, skating, shower baths, floating baths and women's indoor gymnasium and boating. One acre children's playground.
Charlestown Heights.....	6.1 acres	Bunker Hill and Medford streets.	

Chestnut Hill Park (reservoir and adjacent lands, 160.65 acres).	55.4 acres	Beacon street and Commonwealth avenue, Brighton.	Four acres playground area. Three ball grounds and tennis. One Rugby football ground and one Soccer football ground.
City Hall Grounds.....	7,700 sq. ft. .177 acre	} School street.	
City square.....	8,739 sq. ft. .201 acre	} Head of Bow and Main streets.	
Columbia road.....	31.2 acres	} Franklin Park to Marine Park.	
Public square.....	2,250 sq. ft. .0516 acre	} Junction of Columbus and Warren avenues.	
Commonwealth avenue.....	112.7 acres	} Arlington street to Newton line.	
Concord square.....	5,000 sq. ft. .115 acre	} Between Tremont street and Columbus avenue.	
Copley square.....	28,399 sq. ft. .652 acre	} Between Huntington avenue, Boylston and Dartmouth streets.	
Copp's Hill Terraces.....	.6 acre	} Commercial and Charter streets.....	Mothers' and children's shelter.
Dorchester square.....	56,200 sq. ft. 1.29 acres	} Between Church, Adams and Winter streets, Meeting House Hill	One acre playground area. One ball ground. One Soccer football ground, skating and children's corner.
Dorchester Park.....	26 acres	} Dorchester avenue and Richmond street.....	
Drohan square.....	10,241 sq. ft. .235 acre	} Edison green, between Pond street and Dorchester avenue.	
Eaton square.....	13,280 sq. ft. .305 acre	} Between Church, Adams and Bowdoin streets.	
Elm Hill Park.....	6,920 sq. ft. .159 acre	} Off 550 Warren street, between Intervale and Gaston streets.	
Essex square.....	930 sq. ft. .021 acre	} Between Essex and Lyndeboro' streets.	Five acres of playground area. Two ball grounds. One Soccer football ground and children's corner.
Fens.....	115 acres	} Beacon street to Brookline avenue.....	
Fern square.....	1,900 sq. ft. .044 acre	} Between Franklin and Fern streets.	
Florida street.....	24,193 sq. ft. .555 acre	} Between King and Ashmont streets. (Seven inclosures.)	
Fort Hill square.....	29,480 sq. ft. .677 acre	} High street, near Oliver street.	
Francis Street Circle.....	1,662 sq. ft. .038 acre	} Junction Huntington avenue, Tremont and Francis streets	Thirty-six acres playground area. Twelve ball grounds. Four Soccer football grounds, tennis, golf, tobogganing, skating, shower baths and Zoological Garden.
Franklin Park.....	527 acres	} Scaver street to Morton street and Blue Hill avenue to Forest Hills street.	

Location, Area and Equipment of Parks and Gardens, 1915-16.—Continued.

PARKS AND GARDENS.	Area.	Location.	Equipment.
Franklin square.....	105,205 sq. ft.	Washington, East Brookline, East Newton and James streets.	
Governor's Island.....	241 acres	Boston Harbor.....	Camping sites.
Greenwood square.....	220 sq. ft.	Junction Thatcher street and Central avenue.	
Harold square.....	.005 acre	Abbotsford, Crawford and Harold streets.	
Hayes square.....	966 sq. ft.	Bunker Hill, Vine and Moulton streets.	
Heath square.....	.022 acre	Old Heath, New Heath and Parker streets.	
Highland Park.....	4,484 sq. ft.	Fort avenue.	
Horatio Harris Park.....	2,419 sq. ft.	Walnut avenue, between Munroe and Townsend streets.	
Independence square.....	158,421 sq. ft.	Broadway, Second, M and N streets.	
Jackson square.....	3,637 acres	Chestnut Hill avenue, Union and Winship streets.	
Lincoln square.....	116,000 sq. ft.	Emerson, Fourth and M streets.	
Linwood Park.....	2,663 acres	Centre and Linwood streets.	
Longwood Park.....	279,218 sq. ft.	Deaconess road, Brookline avenue, Pilgrim road and Austin street.	
Madison Park.....	6.41 acres	Sterling, Marble, Warwick and Westminster streets.	
Magnolia street.....	4,300 sq. ft.	Junction Wayland, Bird and Magnolia streets.	
Marine Park and Castle Island (land, 78.2 flats, 83.2).	9,510 sq. ft.	Farragut road, City Point.....	
Massachusetts avenue.....	218 acre	Between Albany street and Columbus avenue (four sections).	Beach bathing, boating, Aquarium, tennis and swings.
Maverick square.....	3,625 sq. ft.	Sumner and Maverick streets.	
Milton square.....	21,000 sq. ft.	Junction of Milton avenue and Highland street.	
Mt. Bowdoin green.....	122.101 sq. ft.	Top of Mt. Bowdoin, Bowdoin avenue.	
	2,805 acres		
	3,605 sq. ft.		
	.083 acre		
	161.40 acres		
	106,500 sq. ft.		
	2,446 acres		
	4,396 sq. ft.		
	.101 acre		
	220 sq. ft.		
	.005 acre		
	25,170 sq. ft.		
	.578 acre		

Oak square.....	9,796 sq. ft. .22 acre	Washington and Faueuil streets.	
Oakview terrace.....	5,287 sq. ft. .121 acre	Off 426 Centre street.	
Olmsted Park (in Brookline, 18 acres).....	180 acres	Huntington avenue and Brookline line to Prince street.	Three acres playground area. Two ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, tennis, boating, fishing and skating on Jamaica pond.
Orchard Park.....	104,492 sq. ft. 2,309 acres	Chadwick, Orchard Park and Yeoman streets....	Children's wading pool and shelter.
Park square.....	2,867 sq. ft. .066 acre	Columbus avenue, Eliot and Pleasant streets.	
Peabody square.....	1,933 $\frac{1}{2}$ sq. ft. .045 acre	Junction Dorchester avenue and Ashmont street.	
Prescott square.....	12,284 sq. ft. .282 acre	Trenton, Eagle and Prescott streets.	
Public Garden.....	1,056,300 sq. ft. 24.25 acres	Charles, Boylston, Arlington and Beacon streets.	
Putnam square.....	11,628 sq. ft. .267 acre	Putnam, White and Trenton streets.	
Richardson square.....	45,982 sq. ft. 1.056 acres	Between Pond and Cottage streets.	
Riverway (in Brookline, 16.5 acres).....	40 acres	Brookline avenue and Brookline line to Hunting-ton avenue.	Outdoor floral displays and boating during summer months, skating during the winter.
Rutland square.....	7,400 sq. ft. .17 acre	Between Tremont street and Columbus avenue.	
St. Stephen square.....	100 sq. ft.	Corner St. Stephen and Batavia streets.	
Savin Hill Park.....	.002 acre	Gramplan way.....	Tennis.
Seaver street.....	8.26 acres 2,500 sq. ft. .057 acre	Seaver street and Blue Hill avenue.	
Soldiers Monument lot.....	5,870 sq. ft. .135 acre	South and Centre streets.	
Sparhawk square.....	7,449 sq. ft. .171 acre	Junction Cambridge, Brighton, Murdock and Sparhawk streets.	
Spaulding square.....	6,264 sq. ft. .143 acre	Junction Freeport street and Neponset avenue.	
Strandway.....	74.31 acres	Columbia road railroad bridge to Marine Park....	Twenty-three and one-half acres playground area. Five ball grounds. One Rugby and five Soccer football grounds, basket ball, tennis, skating, shower baths and children's corner. Beach bathing during summer at L Street and McKenzie Beaches.

**Location, Area and Equipment of Parks and Gardens, 1915-16. — Concluded.**

PARKS AND GARDENS.	Area.	Location.	Equipment.
Sullivan square.....	56,428 sq. ft. 1.295 acres	Main, Cambridge, Sever and Gardner streets.	
Thomas Park (Telegraph Hill).....	190,000 sq. ft. 4.362 acres	Thomas Park.	
Tremlett square.....	7,107 sq. ft. .163 acre	Tremlett street, between Hooper and Waldeck streets.	
Trinity Triangle.....	5,380 sq. ft. .123 acre	Between Huntington avenue, Trinity place and St. James avenue.	
Union Park.....	16,000 sq. ft. .367 acre	Between Tremont street and Shawmut avenue.	
Vose square.....	220 sq. ft. .005 acre	Beacon street, Metropolitan and Vose avenues.	
Walnut Park.....	5,736 sq. ft. .132 acre	Between Washington street and Walnut Park.	
Waltham square.....	3,000 sq. ft. .069 acre	Harrison avenue, between Union Park and Waltham streets.	
Warren square.....	1,386 sq. ft. .032 acre	Warren street, St. James and Regent streets.	
Washington Park.....	396,125 sq. ft. 9.094 acres	Dale, Bainbridge and Paulding streets.	
Webster square.....	220 sq. ft. .005 acre	Junction Webster street and Central avenue.	
Wellesley Park.....	28,971 sq. ft. .665 acre	Wellesley Park, between Melville avenue and Park street.	
West Roxbury Way.....	150 acres	Walter to Centre streets, Centre street to Washington street, Bellevue Hill.	
Williams square.....	700 sq. ft. .016 acre	Junction Williams avenue and Prospect street.	
Winthrop square.....	38,450 sq. ft. .883 acre	Winthrop, Common and Adams streets.	
Wolcott square.....	220 sq. ft. .005 acre	Hyde Park avenue, Milton and Prescott streets.	
Wood Island Park.....	55.6 acres	Neptune road, from Bennington street.....	Ten acres playground area. Three ball grounds. One Rugby and three Soccer football grounds. Outdoor gymnasium, cricket, tennis, skating, shower baths and beach bathing.
Worcester square.....	16,000 sq. ft. .367 acre	Between Washington street and Harrison avenue.	
Storage grounds.....	74,279 sq. ft. 1.705 acres	Massachusetts avenue and Shirley street, adjoining location of New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.	
Greenhouse and nursery grounds.....	102,531 sq. ft. 2.354 acres	Between Massachusetts avenue and East Cottage street, Dorchester.	
Public land.....	32,346 sq. ft. .74 acre	Corner Cambridge, Lincoln and Mansfield streets, Brighton.	

## Location, Area and Equipment of Playgrounds and Gymnasias, 1915-16.

NAME.	Area, Acres.	Location.	Equipment.
Ashmont Playground.....	2.20	Brent street, near Talbot avenue, Dorchester district.	Two ball grounds. Two Soccer football grounds, tennis, skating and children's corner.
Billings Field.....	11.00	La Grange and Bellevue streets, near Centre street, West Roxbury district.	Four ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, tennis, skating and shower baths.
Carolina Avenue Playground.....	3.10	Carolina avenue, Jamaica Plain.....	One ball ground. One Soccer football ground and children's playground.
Charlestown Playground (land, 14 acres; facts, 4 acres).....	18.00	Main and Alford streets, Charlestown district. ....	Four ball grounds. One Rugby and three Soccer football grounds, two handball courts, basket ball, skating, quoit rings and running track.
Columbus Avenue Playground.....	5.00	Columbus avenue and Camden street, Roxbury district.	Two ball grounds. One Rugby and three Soccer football grounds, children's corner, boys' athletic field, skating and shower baths. Board running track in winter.
Commonwealth Playground.....	8.07	C, D and Cypher streets and Mt. Washington avenue, South Boston district.	Six ball grounds. One Rugby and three Soccer football grounds, skating and indoor gymnasium.
Cottage Street Playground.....	3.85	Cottage street, near Maverick street, East Boston district.	Two ball grounds. Three Soccer football grounds, children's corner and skating.
Dummy Field.....	6.40	Everett street, Allston district.....	Three ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds.
Factory Hill Playground.....	5.20	Town street, near Sunnyside street, Hyde Park district.	
Fellows Street Playground.....	.85	Fellows and Hunneman streets, Roxbury district. .	Children's playground, basket ball, two handball courts, coasting incline during winter.
First Street Playground.....	4.60	First and M streets, South Boston district.....	Three ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, outdoor gymnasium, basket ball, skating, shower baths and children's corner.
Forest Hills Playground.....	9.60	Washington and Florence streets, Roslindale, West Roxbury district.	Four ball grounds. One Rugby and three Soccer football grounds, basket ball, shower baths and children's corner.
Franklin Field.....	77.00	Talbot and Blue Hill avenues, Dorchester district	Sixty acres playground area, eighteen ball grounds. Two Rugby and three Soccer football grounds, tennis, cricket, bowling, curling, skating, running track, speedway for horses, shower baths and children's corner.
Gibson Playground.....	5.80	Dorchester avenue, Geneva avenue and Park street, Dorchester district.	Two ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, tennis, skating, shower baths and children's corner.
John Winthrop Playground.....	1.57	Dacia and Danube streets.....	One ball ground. One Soccer football ground, children's corner and coasting incline during winter.

**Location, Area and Equipment of Playgrounds and Gymnasias, 1915-16.—Concluded.**

NAME.	Area, Acres.	Location.	Equipment.
Marcella Street Playground.....	5.10	Ritchie, Highland and Marcella streets, Roxbury district.	Three ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, basket ball, shower baths and children's corner.
Massachusetts Avenue Playground.....	2.76	Massachusetts avenue, near Edward Everett square, Dorchester district.	One ball ground. One Soccer football ground and children's corner.
Mt. Ida Playground (Ronan Park).....	11.07	Top of Mt. Ida, Meeting House Hill, Dorchester district.	
Mystic Playground.....	2.30	Chelsea street and Mystic river.....	
Neponset Playground.....	18.00	Neponset avenue, Dorchester district.....	One ball ground. One Soccer football ground, skating and children's corner.
Norfolk Street Playground.....	6.35	Norfolk street, Mattapan, Dorchester district.....	Two ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, skating and children's corner.
North Brighton Playground.....	14.00	Western avenue, near North Harvard street, Allston, Brighton district.	Four ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, basket ball, skating, shower baths and children's corner.
Orient Heights Playground.....	5.24	Saratoga and Boardman streets, Orient Heights, East Boston district.	Two ball grounds. One Rugby and one Soccer football ground and skating.
Paris Street Playground.....	1.27	Paris street, East Boston.	Children's corner.
Parker Hill Playground.....	4.50	Reservoir lot, top of Parker Hill, Roxbury.....	One ball ground.
Parkinson Playground.....	4.50	Forest Hills street and Williams street, Jamaica Plain, West Roxbury district.	One Soccer football ground and one children's corner.
Portsmouth Street Playground.....	4.29	Portsmouth street, Brighton.....	Two ball grounds. One Soccer football ground, one Rugby, football ground, and basket ball, coasting Children's playground and winter.
Prince Street Playground.....	.40	Prince and North Bennet streets, city proper.....	Two ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, basket ball, skating, shower baths and children's corner.
Randolph Street Playground.....	2.80	Albany and Randolph streets, city proper.....	Children's playground.
Ripley Playground.....	.86	Trescott street, near Harvard street, Dorchester district.	
Rogers Park.....	6.90	Lake and Foster streets, Brighton district.....	Four acres playground area. Two ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, skating and children's corner.
Rosindale Playground.....	3.80	South, Robert and South Walter streets, Rosindale, West Roxbury district.	One ball ground. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, tennis, skating and children's corner.
Rutherford Avenue Playground.....	1.10	Rutherford avenue, Washington and Union streets, Charlestown district.	



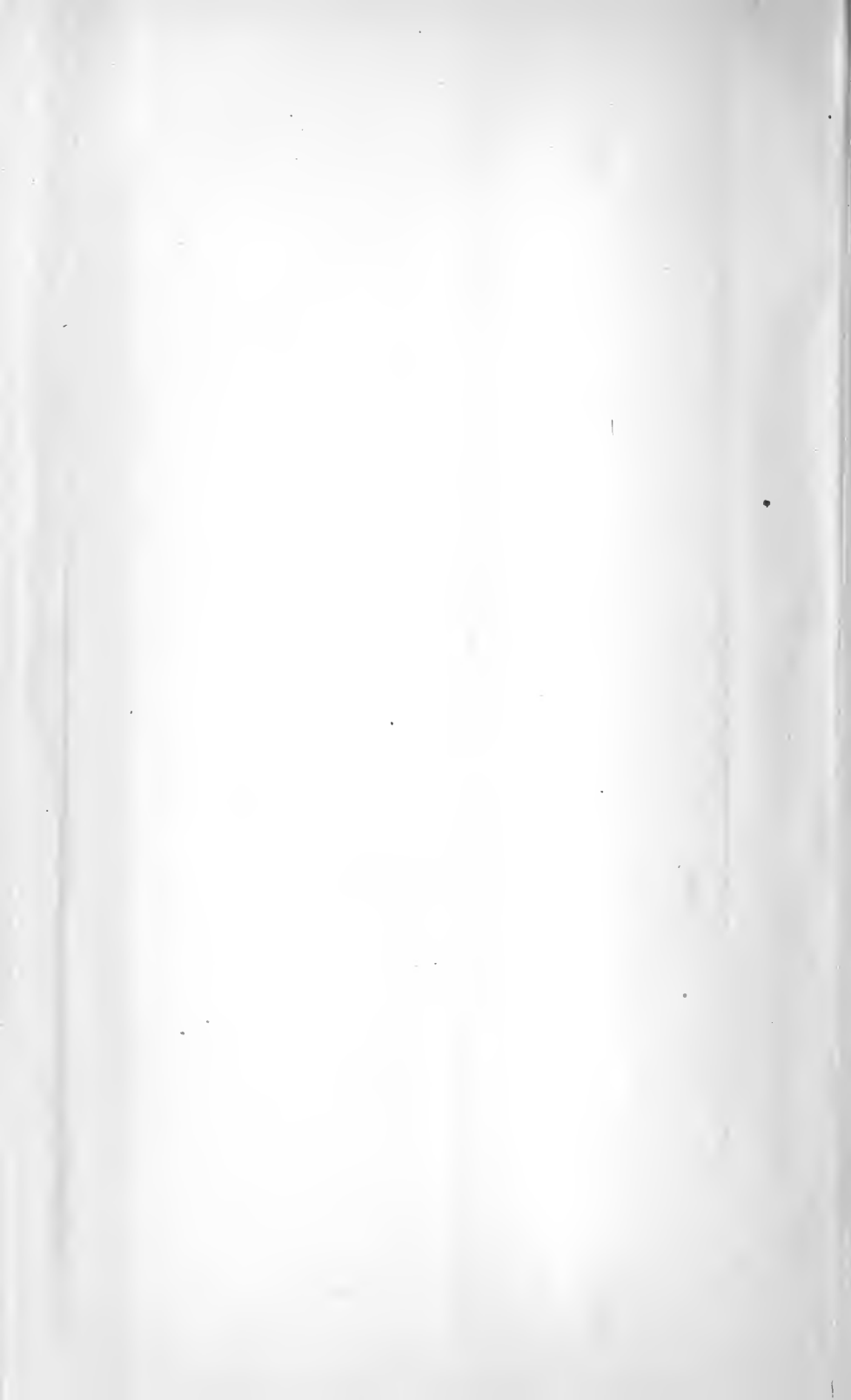
Savin Hill Playground (8.35 acres upland; 24.35 acres flats).....	32.70	Springdale and Denny streets, Savin Hill, Dor- chester district.	Three ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, basket ball, skating and beach bathing.
Smith's Pond.....	20.08	Stony Brook Reservation, Hyde Park.....	Skating in winter.
Tyler Street Playground.....	.26	Tyler street, city proper.....	Children's corner and shelter.
Ward 19 Playground.....	4.24	Phillips street, near Tremont street, Roxbury district.....	Children's playground.
West Fifth Street Playground.....	.41	West Fifth street, between D and E streets, South Boston district.....	Children's playground.
West Third Street Playground.....	.28	West Third street, corner of B street, South Boston district.....	Three ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, skating, shower baths and children's corner.
William Eustis Playground.....	4.88	Norfolk avenue and Proctor street, Roxbury dis- trict.....	Indoor gymnasium and shower baths.
Wood Playground.....	3.10	Near Hallet street, Neponset, Dorchester district. Bunker Hill and Lexington streets, Charlestown district.....	Indoor gymnasium and shower baths.
Ward 3 Gymnasium.....		Tyler street, city proper.....	Indoor gymnasium and shower baths.
Ward 7 Gymnasium.....		Blossom street, city proper.....	Indoor gymnasium and shower baths.
Ward 8 Gymnasium.....		Harrison avenue and Plympton street, city proper, Columbia road, near Upham's Corner, Dorchester district.....	Indoor gymnasium, shower baths and swimming pool, 40 feet by 33 feet.
Ward 9 Gymnasium.....		D street, at Commonwealth Park, South Boston district.....	Indoor gymnasium and shower baths.
Ward 16 Gymnasium.....		Paris street, East Boston district.....	Indoor gymnasium, shower baths and basket ball courts.
D Street Gymnasium.....		Cabot street, near Whittier street, Roxbury dis- trict.....	Indoor gymnasium, shower baths and swimming pool, 75 feet by 30 feet.
East Boston Gymnasium.....		South street, corner Sedgwick street, Jamaica Plain district.....	Indoor gymnasium, shower baths and swimming pool, 75 feet by 25 feet.
Cabot Street Gymnasium.....		North Bennet street, at playground, city proper.....	Indoor gymnasium and shower baths.
Curtis Hall Gymnasium.....		Freeport street, near foot of Park street, Dor- chester district.....	
North Bennet Street Gymnasium.....	3.69	Northeast side Paul Gore street, between Centre street and Chestnut avenue.....	
Malloch's Wharf (1.15 acres upland; 2.54 acres flats).....			
Paul Gore Street Playground.....	.74		

Location, Area and Equipment of Baths and Beaches, 1915-16.

NAME.	Area, Acres.	Location.	Equipment.
Cabot Street Bath.....	.....	In Cabot Street Bath House Building, Roxbury district.	Shower baths and swimming pool, 75 feet by 30 feet.
Copley School Bath.....	.....	Bartlett street, between Pearl and School streets, Charlestown district.	Shower baths.
Curtis Hall Bath.....	.....	In Curtis Hall, Jamaica Plain district.	Shower baths and swimming pool, 75 feet by 25 feet.
Dewey Beach Bath.....	4.30	Medford street, at Charlestown Heights, Charlestown district.	Beach bathing during summer months.
Dover Street Bath.....	.....	Dover street, near Harrison avenue, city proper.	Shower baths.
Freeport Street Bath.....	.....	Freeport street, Dorchester district.	Beach bathing during summer months.
Girls' Latin School Bath.....	.....	Huntington avenue, near Lens, Roxbury district.	Shower baths.
L Street Bath.....	.....	On Strandway, Dorchester Bay, South Boston.	Beach bathing during entire year.
McKenzie Beach Bath.....	.....	On Strandway, at head of Dorchester Bay, South Boston.	Beach bathing during summer months.
North Bennet Street Bath.....	.....	In North Bennet Street Gymnasium.	Shower baths.
North End Beach Bath (land, 3.70 acres; flats, 3 acres).	6.70	Commercial street, at Charles river.	Beach bathing during the summer months for men, women and children.
Spring Street Bath.....	.....	Spring street, West Roxbury, at Charles river.	River bathing during the summer months for men and boys.
Tenean Beach Bath.....	.....	Tenean street, Dorchester district.	Beach bathing during summer months.
Wood Island Bath.....	.....	At Wood Island Park.	Beach bathing during summer months.
Border Street Floating Bath.....	.....	Border street, East Boston.	Two floating bath houses for men and women.
Charlesbank Floating Bath.....	.....	Charles River Basin at Charlesbank.	Two floating bath houses for men and women.
Dover Street Floating Bath.....	.....	Dover street, at Fort Point Channel, city proper.	Two floating bath houses for men and women.
East Boston Wharf.....	.....	Condon street, corner of Meridian street, East Boston district.	Storage basin and repair shop.
Fort Point Channel Floating Bath.....	.....	Northern avenue, city proper.	One floating bath house for men only.
Jeffries Point Floating Bath.....	.....	Jeffries Point, East Boston district.	One floating bath house for men and women.
Mystic Bridge Floating Bath.....	.....	Chelsea street, at Mystic river, Charlestown district.	One floating bath house for men and women.
Warren Bridge Floating Bath.....	.....	Warren avenue, at Charles river, Charlestown district.	Two floating bath houses for men and women.
Dover Street Laundry. North End Park Laundry.	.....		

GENERAL EXHIBIT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR LAND AND CONSTRUCTION, 1915-16.

OBJECT OF APPROPRIATIONS.	Balances from 1914-15.	Revenue received during 1915-16.	Loans issued in 1915-16.	Transfers to.	Transfers from.	Total Credits.	January 31 Draft.	Expenditures for 1915-16.	Balances Unexpended.	Loans authorized but not issued.
Public parks.....		\$1,500 00				\$1,500 00			\$1,500 00	
Bath house, Orient Heights.....	\$5,000 00					5,000 00			5,000 00	
Boston Common, seats at handstand.....	2,898 96					2,898 96	\$550 00	\$557 91	2,341 05	
Charlesbank, improvement.....	97 73			\$72 27		170 00	170 00	170 00		
Charlestown Heights and Dewey Beach, improvements.....	663 82					663 82		663 82		
Commonwealth avenue, between Arlington and Dartmouth streets.	1,548 18					1,548 18	100 03	1,548 18		
Convenience stations, City square and at or near Park square.	14,082 69					14,082 69	1,530 00	1,998 32	12,084 37	
Copp's Hill Playground, shelter.....	5,883 89				\$4,860 41	1,023 48		1,023 48		
Fellows Street Playground, sanitary building.....	339 67					339 67			339 67	
Fens, improvements.....	1,550 32					1,550 32	36 29	1,550 32		
Franklin Park golf links.....	5,237 36					5,237 36	971 42	4,717 45	519 91	
Franklin square sand gardens and gymnastic apparatus.....										\$2,500 00
Gymnasium, East Boston.....	5,414 34					5,414 34		545 55	4,868 79	
Gymnasium, Ward Building, Ward 8.....	37,308 95				37,064 58	244 37		244 37		
Highland Park, improvements.....	1,019 05					1,019 05		642 46	376 59	
Horticultural Building.....	1,333 01					1,333 01			1,333 01	
Improvements of small parks and squares.....	2,326 38					2,326 38		2,326 38		
Orchard Park, improvements.....	10,829 67					10,829 67			10,829 67	
Parker Hill, grading.....	10,000 00					10,000 00		9,999 97	03	
Playground accommodations, Ward 19.....	2,437 33		\$200,000 00			202,437 33	2,333 01	23,363 76	17,073 57	
Playgrounds, completion of.....	20,439 83					20,439 83	40 00	20,414 83	25 00	
Playgrounds, improvements.....	1,886 16					1,886 16		1,707 93	178 23	
Playground, Hyde Park.....	24,950 00					24,950 00			24,950 00	
Playground, Mattapan.....										25,000 00
Playground, Mt. Ida section.....	2,469 47					2,469 47	1,558 90	2,429 45	40 02	
Playground, Ward 2.....	1,807 20					1,807 20	7 20	1,807 20		
Playground, Ward 6.....	2,468 53			946 47		3,415 00		3,415 00		
Public landing, Freeport street.....	850 00					850 00			850 00	
Refectory Building, Franklin Park, alterations.....	1,338 19					1,338 19	8 09	1,338 19		
Ronan Park.....			100,000 00			100,000 00	4,903 82	20,135 18	79,864 82	
Savin Hill Beach, additional land.....				6,468 28		6,468 28	1,375 00	6,468 28		
Tenean Beach, property.....	9,950 00		46,500 00		96 00	56,354 00		56,354 00		
Zoological Garden and Aquarium.....	102 95					102 95		102 95		
Totals.....	\$174,233 68	\$1,500 00	\$346,500 00	\$7,487 02	\$42,020 99	\$487,699 71	\$13,583 76	\$166,524 98	\$321,174 73	\$27,500 00



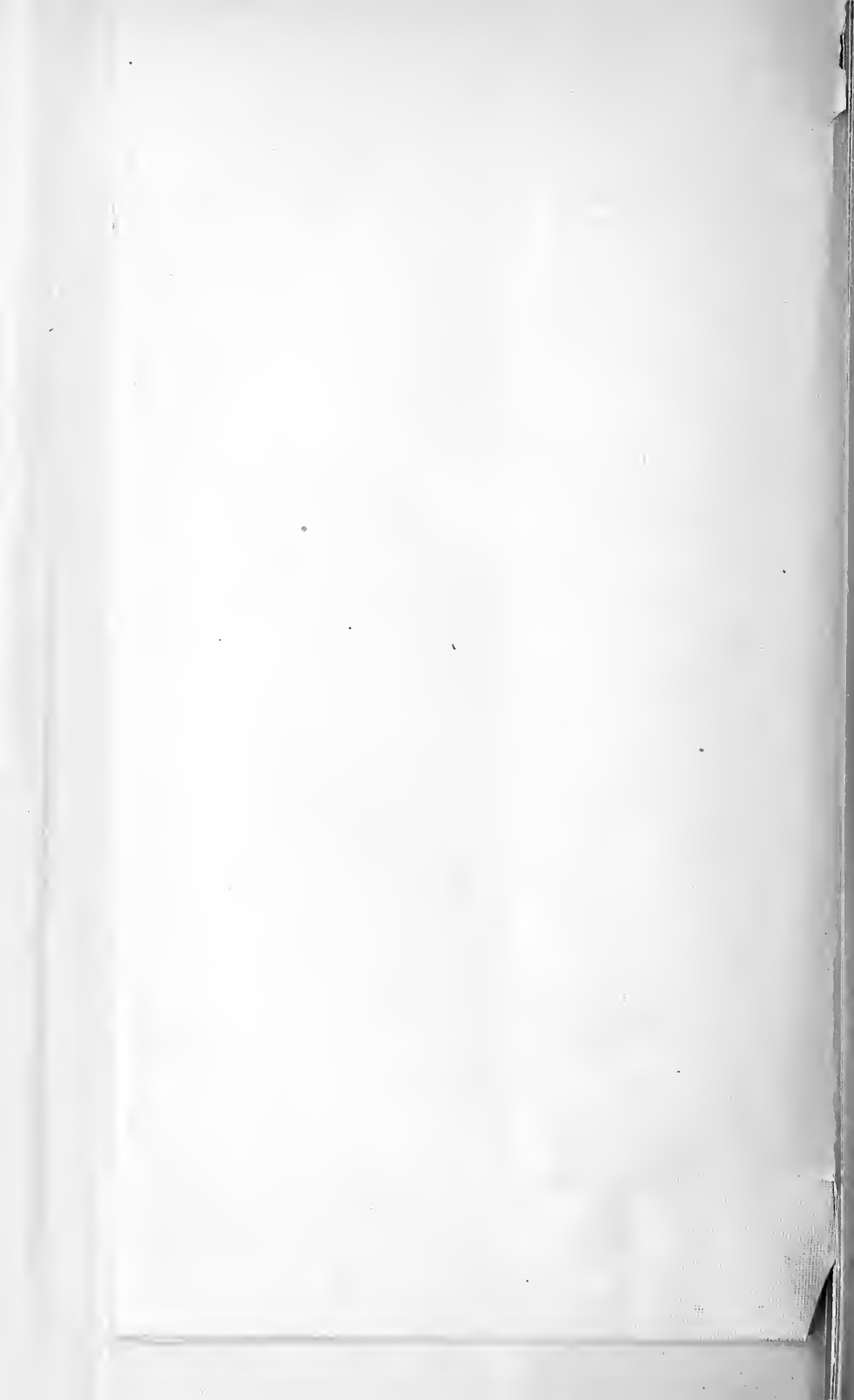
## EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF LAND AND CONSTRUCTION FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1915, TO JANUARY 31, 1916.

	Land.	Filling and Grading.	Drainage, Water Supply and Fountains.	Shelter and Building.	Walks and Seats.	Fences.	Grounds.	Expert Service.	Execution of Court.	Totals.	Grand Totals.
Boston Common, seats at bandstand.....					\$557 91						\$557 91
Charlesbank, improvement.....									\$170 00		170 00
Charlestown Heights and Dewey Beach, improvements.....		\$663 82									663 82
Commonwealth avenue, between Arlington and Dartmouth streets.....							\$1,548 18				1,548 18
Convenience stations, City square and at or near Park square.....				\$1,530 00				\$468 32			1,998 32
Copp's Hill Playground, shelter.....		761 52				\$261 96					1,023 48
Fens, improvements.....		1,550 32									1,550 32
Franklin Park, golf links.....							4,717 45				4,717 45
Gymnasium, East Boston.....								545 55			545 55
Gymnasium, Ward Building, Ward 8.....				244 37							244 37
Highland Park, improvements.....		642 46									642 46
Improvement of small parks and squares.....						142 50	2,183 88				2,326 38
Parker Hill, grading.....		9,999 97									9,999 97
Playground accommodations, Ward 19.....	\$24,250 00						113 86	1,999 90			26,363 76
Playgrounds, completion of:											
Mt. Ida.....		15,132 08								\$15,132 08	
Norfolk Street.....		1,682 52				199 50				1,882 02	
Rutherford Avenue.....		1,864 77				1,535 96				3,400 73	
Playgrounds, improvements:											20,414 83
Columbus Avenue.....							227 30			\$227 30	
Mystic.....		960 90	\$276 02							1,236 92	
Orient Heights.....							215 81			215 81	
William Eustis.....							27 90			27 90	1,707 93
Playground, Mt. Ida section.....		2,389 85						39 60			2,429 45
Playground, Ward 2.....	1,800 00						7 20				1,807 20
Playground, Ward 5.....	3,415 00										3,415 00
Refectory Building, Franklin Park, alterations.....				1,338 19							1,338 19
Ronan Park.....		19,314 78					87 40	733 00			20,135 18
Savin Hill Beach, additional land.....	6,318 28						25 00	125 00			6,468 28
Tenean Beach, property.....	55,000 00							1,354 00			56,354 00
Zoological Garden and Aquarium.....					102 95						102 95
	\$90,783 28	\$54,962 99	\$276 02	\$3,112 56	\$660 86	\$2,139 92	\$9,153 98	\$5,265 37	\$170 00		\$166,524 98



EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF MAINTENANCE FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1915, TO JANUARY 31, 1916.

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## EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF MAINTENANCE FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1915, TO JANUARY 31, 1916.

PLAYGROUNDS AND GYMNASIA.	Grounds.	Walks.	Buildings.	CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS.				Animals, Fish, Sheep and Water Fowl.	Sports.	Gymnasium Buildings.	Rental.	General Expense.	Totals.
				Grading, Loam and Planting.	Drainage and Water Supply.	Walls, Walks, Fences and Seats.	Buildings.						
Ashmont Playground.....	\$735 75		\$837 26										\$1,573 01
Billings Field Playground.....	1,278 00		659 53	\$66 71	\$98 50				\$41 09				2,143 83
Carolina Avenue Playground.....	755 50		154 39	26 25					4 75				940 89
Charlestown Playground.....	1,457 99	\$134 12	1,136 97	67 36					126 79				2,923 23
Columbus Avenue Playground.....	1,142 91		1,256 17		9 03	\$153 50			308 22				2,809 83
Commonwealth Park Playground.....	1,126 95		97 04						238 35				1,462 31
Copp's Hill Terrace Playground.....	955 03		693 84										1,648 87
Cottage Street Playground.....	1,034 22		678 28	6 25									1,718 75
Fellows Street Playground.....	809 33		1,390 71						90 75				2,290 79
First Street Playground.....	1,150 56		1,381 42			7 00			80 56				2,619 54
Forest Hills Playground.....	1,096 03		724 38						7 40				1,827 83
Franklin Field Playground.....	2,531 28		2,383 38	242 75	52 09		\$4,582 41	\$121 01	1,683 35			\$1,840 30	13,436 57
Gibson Street Playground.....	1,322 14		816 25						192 56				2,330 95
John Winthrop Playground.....	673 75		38 00				9 00		48 50				769 25
Marcella Street Playground.....	1,129 80		1,616 31			274 00			115 18				3,135 29
Mt. Ida Playground.....	1,069 51		116 13	776 08		99 00	273 05						2,333 77
Mystic Playground.....	1,004 14		1,056 19	20 19		126 93			48 00				2,255 45
Neponset Playground.....	907 08		175 26										1,082 34
Norfolk Street Playground.....	1,047 30		749 32	806 78		789 04			189 81				3,382 25
North Brighton Playground.....	1,071 36		992 79						124 30				2,188 45
North End Playground.....	3 50								206 31				209 81
Orient Heights Playground.....	1,112 49				1 74								1,114 23
Paris Street Playground.....	144 00												144 00
Parker Hill Playground.....	275 14		17 75	137 52					66 25				496 66
Port-mouth Street Playground.....	229 61								8 75				238 36
Prince Street Playground.....	1,157 52		570 01						29 75				1,757 28
Randolph Playground.....	693 27		1,376 70		30 00				20 40				2,120 37
Rogers Park Playground.....	1,158 50		30 25						249 63				1,438 38
Ripley Playground.....	538 00								20 00				558 00
Roslindale Playground.....	969 50		641 90		14 00				84 09				1,709 40
Rutherford Avenue Playground.....	1,174 73		999 76	39 33		242 75			6 09				2,462 66
Savin Hill Playground.....	1,089 63		10 00	358 73					15 00				1,473 36
Strandway Playground.....	1,290 91		1,973 10	113 61					230 61				3,608 23
Tyler Street Playground.....	16 50			76 00									92 50
Ward 19 Playground.....	208 25				10 83								219 08
West Fifth Street Playground.....	834 28		842 60			290 23							1,967 11
West Third Street Playground.....	590 25		612 97										1,203 22
William Eustis Playground.....	722 89		1,263 16						20 23				2,006 28
Ward 3 Gymnasium.....										\$4,567 04			4,567 04
Ward 7 Gymnasium.....										3,257 45	\$291 69		3,549 14
Ward 8 Gymnasium.....										1,816 11			1,816 11
Ward 9 Gymnasium.....										4,241 75			4,241 75
Ward 16 Gymnasium.....										6,156 29			6,156 29
Ward 17 Gymnasium.....										1,422 46			1,422 46
Cabot Street Gymnasium.....										9,153 32			9,153 32
Curtis Hall Gymnasium.....										4,355 97			4,355 97
D Street Gymnasium.....										8,029 64			8,029 64
East Boston Gymnasium.....										12,875 31			12,875 31
North Bennet Street Gymnasium.....										8,800 49			8,800 49
Smith's Pond.....	301 64												301 64
	\$34,809 26	\$134 12	\$25,291 82	\$2,737 56	\$216 19	\$1,982 45	\$4,864 46	\$121 01	\$4,256 63	\$64,675 83	\$291 69	\$1,840 30	\$111,221 32



## Expenditures on Account of Maintenance from February 1, 1915, to January 31, 1916.

BATHS AND SHOWERS.	Buildings.	Furnishings.	Rental.	General Expenses.	Construction Fence.	Totals.
Cabot Street Bath.....	\$11,464 68	\$785 00		\$803 07		\$13,052 75
Curtis Hall Bath.....	4,414 85	785 00		25 00		5,224 85
Dewey Beach Bath.....	4,789 59	400 00		45 00		5,234 59
Dover Street Bath.....	13,520 11	990 00		153 25		14,663 36
Freeport Street Bath.....	1,212 85	125 00	\$500 00	65 00		1,902 85
L Street Bath.....	16,724 18	1,454 84		437 00	\$2,530 16	21,146 18
McKenzie Beach Bath.....	2,224 64	131 00		531 35		2,886 99
North Bennet Street Bath.....	9,955 57	710 00		160 09		10,825 66
North End Beach Bath.....	9,643 28	895 00		105 88		10,644 16
Savin Hill Beach Bath.....	1,636 80	58 00				1,694 80
Tenean Beach Bath.....	2,188 92	50 00		331 57		2,570 49
Wood Island Bath.....	2,598 69	210 00				2,808 69
Border Street Floating Bath.....	679 29	58 00	750 00			1,487 29
Charlesbank Floating Bath.....	842 00	58 00				900 00
Dover Street Floating Bath.....	692 00	58 00				750 00
East Boston Wharf.....	546 17	50 00	800 00			1,396 17
Jeffries Point Floating Bath.....	346 99					346 99
Warren Bridge Floating Bath.....	850 75	58 00				908 75
Ward 3 Showers.....	375 60	50 00		8 00		433 60
Ward 7 Showers.....	550 68	58 00				608 68
Ward 9 Showers.....	915 91	47 00		5 00		967 91
Ward 15 Showers.....	3,923 67	58 00				3,981 67
Ward 16 Showers.....	926 90	141 00				1,067 90
Ward 17 Showers.....	852 54	50 00		8 00		910 54
D Street Showers.....	1,931 05	114 00				2,045 05
East Boston Showers.....	3,751 16	155 10				3,906 26
Dover Street Laundry.....	18,381 78					18,381 78
North End Park Laundry.....	1,597 53					1,597 53
General Repairs — Baths.....				7,340 32		7,340 32
Randidge Fund.....				99 00		99 00
	\$117,538 18	\$7,548 94	\$2,050 00	\$10,117 53	\$2,530 16	\$139,784 81

**Expenditures from February 1, 1915, to January 31, 1916, on Parks  
and Squares in Existence on January 12, 1887.**

*Maintained in Part by the Transfer Appropriation of \$196,230.40 from the  
George F. Parkman Fund Income.*

	Labor.	Material.	Total.
Arnold Arboretum.....	\$2,614 93	\$236 44	\$2,851 37
Belmont square.....	410 59	6 50	417 09
Berwick Park.....	85 89	20 75	106 64
Blackstone square.....	687 08	117 50	804 58
Boston Common.....	21,718 13	3,626 03	25,344 16
Brighton square.....	220 75	20 60	241 35
Bromley Park.....	198 61	26 85	225 46
Cedar square.....	161 51	3 00	164 51
Central square.....	358 75	35 85	394 60
Centre street.....	44 00	2 00	46 00
Charlesbank.....	10,243 30	920 14	11,163 44
City Hall grounds.....	111 58	3 00	114 58
City square.....	207 33	38 50	245 83
Concord square.....	147 25	37 60	184 85
Copley square.....	234 28	14 85	249 13
Eaton square.....	342 43	29 25	371 68
Essex square.....	33 84	8 25	42 09
Fens.....	8,599 55	6,636 69	15,236 24
Fern square.....	36 75	3 00	39 75
Fort Hill square.....	430 80	74 50	505 30
Franklin Park.....	37,078 93	9,747 60	46,826 53
Franklin square.....	741 27	126 99	868 26
Highland Park.....	264 24	10 50	274 74
Horatio Harris Park.....	399 00	20 00	419 00
Independence square.....	740 25	91 35	831 60
Jackson square.....	105 50	4 50	110 00
Lincoln square.....	205 99	12 25	218 24
Linwood Park.....	61 00	.....	61 00
Longwood Park.....	234 70	33 35	268 05
Madison Park.....	714 11	109 75	823 86
Massachusetts avenue.....	1,033 97	134 00	1,167 97
Marine Park.....	14,090 54	16,987 52	31,078 06
Maverick square.....	328 93	17 00	345 93
<i>Carried forward.....</i>	<b>\$102,885 78</b>	<b>\$39,156 11</b>	<b>\$142,041 89</b>

**Expenditures on Parks and Squares in Existence on  
January 12, 1887.—*Concluded.***

	Labor.	Material.	Total.
<i>Brought forward</i> .....	\$102,885 78	\$39,156 11	\$142,041 89
Meeting House Hill.....	321 50	30 35	351 85
Mt. Bowdoin.....	256 50	18 00	274 50
Park square.....	35 25	.....	35 25
Orchard Park.....	604 95	85 50	690 45
Public Garden.....	14,154 60	1,845 43	16,000 03
Prescott square.....	105 00	.....	105 00
Putnam square.....	122 35	6 00	128 35
Riverway.....	6,295 35	1,743 12	8,038 47
Rutland square.....	115 50	31 75	147 25
Soldiers Monument lot.....	41 00	2 00	43 00
Sullivan square.....	330 87	32 50	363 37
Thomas Park.....	857 65	71 88	929 53
Union Park.....	182 00	32 00	214 00
Walnut Park.....	141 35	2 50	143 85
Washington Park.....	1,109 34	194 85	1,304 19
Winthrop square.....	315 22	29 25	344 47
Worcester square.....	251 45	46 85	298 30
Wood Island Park.....	8,408 97	1,571 23	9,980 20
Aquarium.....	15,204 72	6,342 10	21,546 82
Zoological Gardens.....	35,126 23	20,381 28	55,507 51
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>\$186,865 58</b>	<b>\$71,622 70</b>	<b>\$258,488 28</b>

# RECAPITULATION.

*Expenditures on account of maintenance from February 1, 1915,  
to January 31, 1916.*

Parks and gardens . . . . .	\$464,564	14	
Playgrounds and gymnasia . . . . .	141,221	32	
Baths and beaches . . . . .	139,784	81	
Celebrations and entertainments . . . . .	8,990	57	
General expenses . . . . .	142,782	55	
			\$897,343 39
Expenditures on account of land and construc- tion from February 1, 1915, to January 31, 1916 . . . . .			166,524 98
			<u>\$1,063,868 37</u>

## CASH RECEIPTS OF THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPART- MENT, FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1915, TO JANUARY 31, 1916.

### PARK DIVISION.

For labor, suppression of gypsy and brown-tail moths . . . . .	\$17,387	84	
From the Commonwealth, for moth suppres- sion <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	3,000	00	
For labor, other city departments, etc. . . . .	14,834	14	
From balance of gift funds . . . . .	6,530	33	
From the Boston Common Tree Fund, income, For use of towels and soap . . . . .	200	00	
From coin locks, convenience stations . . . . .	1,015	04	
From sale of horses, etc. . . . .	599	11	
From sale of cart, horse collars and harness . . . . .	5,185	50	
From sale of junk, wood, shrubs, etc. . . . .	215	00	
From sale of live stock, wool and fowl . . . . .	203	00	
From sale of land . . . . .	25	75	
From sale of buildings . . . . .	1,500	00	
Refund on six Ford autos . . . . .	627	60	
Rents . . . . .	300	00	
	9,709	24	
			\$61,332 55
<i>Carried forward</i> . . . . .			\$61,332 55

*Brought forward* . . . . . \$61,332 55

RECREATION DIVISION.

For use of bathing suits, towels, etc.	\$28,943 06	
Commission on weighing machines	110 60	
Commission on telephone stations	24 85	
Rents	960 67	
		30,039 18
		<u>\$91,371 73</u>

Above receipts were credited as follows:

General revenue, city income	\$42,609 43
Sinking Fund	627 60
Public parks	1,500 00
Appropriation, Park and Recreation Department	46,634 70
	<u>\$91,371 73</u>

Park Betterments Collected by City Collector to January 31, 1916.

	Assessments Committed to Collector.	Abated.	Net Assess- ments.	Collected.	Outstanding January 31, 1916.
Public Park, Back Bay...	\$434,600 00	\$144,195 73	\$290,404 27	\$290,404 27	
Marine Park. ....	23,543 00	12,616 80	10,926 20	10,926 20	
Franklin Park. ....	135,029 00	122,000 66	13,028 34	13,028 34	
Parkway, Old Harbor....	60,789 00	50,426 00	10,363 00	8,256 00	\$2,107 00
" Muddy River..	108,972 00	83,594 25	25,377 75	23,238 75	2,139 00
" West Roxbury,	154,107 00	113,808 00	40,299 00	31,913 00	8,386 00
" Dorchester.....	9,713 00	3,055 54	6,657 46	5,927 74	729 72
	<u>\$926,753 00</u>	<u>\$529,696 98</u>	<u>\$397,056 02</u>	<u>\$383,694 30</u>	<u>\$13,361 72</u>

Public Park and Playground Debt.

*Liabilities.*

Total loans outstanding January 31, 1916 . . . \$14,633,410 98

*Resources.*

Sinking Fund January 31, 1916 . . . . .	8,603,313 71
Net Debt January 31, 1916 . . . . .	<u>\$6,030,097 27</u>

Classification of the Cash Receipts of the Recreation Division of the Park and Recreation Department from February 1, 1915, to January 31, 1916.

	Towels.	Soap.	Pool.	Valuation Envelopes.	Suits.	Trunks.	Total.
Border Street Floating Bath (men).....	\$41 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$41 65
Border Street Floating Bath (women).....	3 93	.....	.....	.....	\$40 53	.....	44 46
Cabot Street Bath.....	1,134 05	\$438 01	\$1,237 17	\$5 40	.....	.....	2,814 63
Charlesbank Floating Bath (men).....	64 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64 95
Charlesbank Floating Bath (women).....	17 04	.....	.....	.....	15 20	.....	32 24
Curtis Hall Bath.....	521 82	151 99	2,927 85	24 85	.....	.....	3,626 51
D Street Gymnasium.....	297 58	135 71	.....	.....	.....	.....	433 29
Dewey Beach (men).....	35 94	.....	.....	15	59 35	\$25 40	120 84
Dewey Beach (women).....	4 80	.....	.....	.....	81 85	.....	86 65
Dover Street Bath.....	2,950 15	1,444 42	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,394 57
Dover Street Bridge Floating Bath (men).....	27 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 15
Dover Street Bridge Floating Bath (women).....	18 27	.....	.....	.....	6 10	.....	24 37
East Boston Gymnasium.....	894 11	454 57	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,348 68
Freeport Street Bath.....	12 58	15	.....	1 05	62 10	2 15	78 03
Jeffries Point Floating Bath.....	75	.....	.....	.....	3 20	.....	3 95
L Street Bath (men).....	1,606 82	.....	.....	769 20	3 45	3,142 40	5,521 87
L Street Bath (boys).....	33 79	.....	.....	3 30	05	44 50	81 64
L Street Bath (women).....	120 73	.....	.....	13 65	1,050 90	.....	1,185 28



McKenzie Beach Bath.....	29 83	.....	90	130 75	2 10	163 58
North Bennet Street.....	1,940 61	931 01	.....	.....	.....	2,871 62
North End Park (men).....	173 16	5 10	14 40	288 99	1 60	483 25
North End Park (women).....	39 99	.....	2 15	326 07	.....	368 21
Savin Hill Beach.....	39 44	.....	55	67 90	.....	107 89
Tenean Beach.....	41 83	.....	10 80	153 80	14 20	220 63
Warren Bridge Floating Bath (men).....	93 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	93 15
Warren Bridge Floating Bath (women).....	2 55	.....	.....	38 90	.....	41 45
Ward 3 Gymnasium.....	538 64	230 84	.....	.....	.....	769 48
Ward 7 Gymnasium.....	378 19	175 27	.....	.....	.....	553 46
Ward 9 Gymnasium.....	331 61	168 77	.....	.....	.....	500 38
Ward 16 Gymnasium.....	436 26	200 88	1 05	.....	.....	1,146 76
Ward 17 Gymnasium.....	91 38	39 90	.....	.....	.....	131 28
Ward 15 Showers.....	897 68	399 50	.....	.....	.....	1,297 18
Wood Island Park (men).....	76 32	.....	4 70	63 85	32 30	177 17
Wood Island Park (women).....	11 61	.....	05	74 65	50	86 81
Totals.....	\$12,908 36	\$4,776 12	\$852 20	\$2,467 04	\$3,265 15	\$28,943 06
Weighing machines.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	110 60
Commission on telephones.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 85
Rent.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	960 67
						\$30,039 18

## Park and Recreation Statistics to January 31, 1916.

PARKS.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to DATE.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
MAIN PARK SYSTEM:									
Commonwealth avenue.....	1894-1905.....	.....	\$166,607 93	\$166,607 93	112.7 acres	12.1 miles	11.9 miles		
Fens.....	1877-1879.....	\$596,254 49	2,191,790 32	2,788,044 81	116.99 "	4.32 "	7.04 "	1.1 miles	22 acres
* Riverway.....	1890.....	457,457 53	674,296 32	1,131,753 85	40 "	1.4 "	2.8 "	1.2 "	8 "
† Olmsted Park.....	1890-1892.....	1,081,947 60	754,373 59	1,836,321 19	180 "	2.7 "	5.8 "	1.6 "	77 "
Arboretum.....	1892.....	245,584 25	381,793 81	627,378 06	36 "	3.4 "	3.2 "	1.4 "	
Arnold Arboretum.....	1882-1895.....	79,354 15	388,372 84	467,726 99	223 "	3.4 "	5.65 "	.....	0.6 acre
West Roxbury Parkway....	1894.....	135,265 29	22,123 21	157,388 50	150 "	2.8 "	4.3 "	2.4 "	
Franklin Park and Zoologi- cal Garden.....	1883-1884....	1,551,896 63	2,752,272 82	4,304,169 45	527 "	7.91 "	14.9 "	1 mile	7.4 acres
MARINE PARK SYSTEM:									
Columbia road.....	1899.....	447,528 63	540,511 93	988,040 56					
Dorchester way.....	1892.....	63,735 54	65,187 12	128,922 66	{ 109 " land } { 187.5 " flats }	4.2 "	4.5 "		
Strandway.....	{ 1890-1892, 1897-1901 }	772,515 12	415,932 21	1,188,447 33					
Marine Park and Aquarium,	1883.....	232,972 57	1,217,477 25	1,450,449 82	{ 52.5 " land } { 4.9 " flats }	0.5 mile	1.39 "	.....	3.4 acres
† Castle Island.....	1890.....	.....	39,890 91	39,890 91	{ 25.7 " land } { 78.3 " flats }				
† Governor's Island.....	1911.....	.....	20,000 00	20,000 00	73 "	.....	1.95 "		
SAVIN HILL BEACH PLAY- GROUND.....	{ 1899.....	44,441 05	11,263 36	55,704 41	{ 8.35 " land } { 24.35 " flats }				
SAVIN HILL BEACH, ADDI- TIONAL LAND.....	.....	6,318 28	150 00	6,468.28					

SAVIN HILL PARK.....	1909.....	31,925 55	9,074 45	41,000 00	8.26 " { 55.6 " land } 155.4 " flats	0.3 "	2.1 "		
WOOD ISLAND PARK.....	1882-1891.....	132,800 00	275,346 93	408,146 93					
CHARLESBANK.....	1883.....	373,916 99	339,720 40	713,637 39	10 "		1.5 "		
TRINITY TRIANGLE.....	1885.....	30,000 00	.....	30,000 00	0.12 acre				
CHARLESTOWN HEIGHTS, DEWEY BEACH.....	1891.....	50,538 02	154,217 56	204,755 58	6.1 acres land { 4.3 " flats		0.4 mile		
CHARLESTOWN PLAYGROUND.....	1891.....	172,923 31	32,931 93	205,855 24	14 " { 4 " flats		0.6 "		
DORCHESTER PARK.....	1891-1903.....	64,165 37	16,311 18	80,476 55	26 "				
FRANKLIN FIELD.....	1892.....	157,341 22	194,228 38	351,569 60	77 "	0.65 mile	1.09 miles		
NORTH END BEACH.....	1893.....	328,364 44	169,262 27	497,626 71	3.7 " { 3 " land				
COPP'S HILL TERRACE.....	1893.....	90,858 19	43,222 17	134,080 36					
COPP'S HILL PLAYGROUND AND SHELTER.....	.....	.....	12,418 88	12,418 88	0.6 acre		0.11 mile		
§ CHESTNUT HILL PARK.....	{ 1898-1899 and 1902 }	210,239 06	6,940 60	217,179 66	55.4 acres	1.4 miles			
BOSTON COMMON AND PUBLIC GARDEN, IRRIGATION SYS- TEM, ETC.....	.....	.....	2,461 16	2,461 16					
BOSTON COMMON, SEATS AT BANDSTAND.....	.....	.....	1,658 95	1,658 95					
CHARLESGATE, WEST BRIDGE RESTORATION.....	.....	.....	2,324 02	2,324 02					
COPLEY SQUARE PLANS.....	.....	.....	250 00	250 00					
CONVENIENCE STATION, CITY SQUARE, AND AT OR NEAR PARK SQUARE.....	.....	.....	4,073 32	4,073 32					
Carried forward.....	.....	\$7,358,343 28	\$10,906,485 82	\$18,264,829 10	2,372.77 acres	45.08 miles	69.23 miles	8.7 miles	118.4 acres

\* An additional area of 16½ acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.

† An additional area of 18 acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.

‡ Custody given to the city by Act of Congress.

§ 49 acres transferred from Water Department; an additional area of 160.65 acres, including water area of 122.7 acres, is under control of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board.

Park and Recreation Statistics to January 31, 1916.— *Continued.*

PARKS.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to DATE.		Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.					
<i>Brought forward.....</i>	.....	\$7,358,343 28	\$10,906,485 82	2,372.77 acres	45.08 miles	69.23 miles	8.7 miles	118.4 acres
FELLOWS STREET PLAYGROUND	.....	.....	627 75	627 75	.....	.....	.....	.....
SANITARY.....	.....	.....	545 55	545 55	.....	.....	.....	.....
GYMNASIUM, EAST BOSTON.....	.....	.....	244 37	244 37	.....	.....	.....	.....
GYMNASIUM, WARD BUILDING, WARD 8.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
HIGHLAND PARK, IMPROVEMENTS.....	.....	.....	2,623 41	2,623 41	.....	.....	.....	.....
HORTICULTURAL BUILDING.....	.....	.....	1,666 99	1,666 99	.....	.....	.....	.....
IMPROVEMENTS OF SMALL PARKS AND SQUARES.....	.....	.....	6,581 06	6,581 06	.....	.....	.....	.....
LAND, HENEMWAY STREET AND THE FENWAY.....	.....	140,600 00	.....	140,600 00	(See Fens.)	.....	.....	.....
ORCHARD PARK IMPROVEMENTS, PARKER HILL GRADING.....	.....	.....	4,901 80	4,901 80	.....	.....	.....	.....
PLAYGROUND ACCOMMODATIONS, MATTAHAN DISTRICT, PLAYGROUND ACCOMMODATIONS, WARD 19.....	1913.....	274 09	9,999 97	9,999 97	.....	.....	.....	.....
PLAYGROUNDS, COMPLETION OF.....	.....	140,651 12	1,460 45	1,734 54	4.24 acres	.....	.....	.....
PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS.....	.....	.....	2,492 26	143,143 38	.....	.....	.....	.....
PLAYGROUND, HYDE PARK.....	.....	.....	57,158 48	57,158 48	.....	.....	.....	.....
PLAYGROUND, Mt. Ida SECTION.....	1912.....	97,463 18	2,713 82	2,713 82	.....	.....	.....	.....
			50 00	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
			4,206 08	101,669 26	.....	.....	.....	.....
				11.07 "	.....	.....	.....	.....

PLAYGROUND, WARD 2.....	1912.....	2,775 25	1,224 75	4,000 00			
PLAYGROUND, WARD 5.....	1912.....	80,946 47	7,068 58	88,015 05	1.07 "		
PLAYGROUND, WARD 7.....	1912.....	.....	5,493 64	5,493 64			
PRINCE STREET PLAYGROUND {1897-1899...}	{1897-1899...}	180,474 70	8,304 61	188,779 31	0.4 acre		
SANITARY.....	{1901.....}	.....	.....	.....			
RONAN PARK.....	.....	.....	20,135 18	20,135 18			
TENEAN BEACH PROPERTY...	1915.....	55,000 00	1,354 00	56,354 00	8.7 acres		
NORTH BRIGHTON PLAY- GROUND.....	1894.....	22,107 12	30,802 77	52,909 89	14 "		
NEPONSET PLAYGROUND.....	1896.....	24,804 39	26,189 35	50,993 74	18 "		
BILLINGS FIELD.....	1896.....	47,068 98	24,367 53	71,436 51	11 "		
* FIRST STREET PLAYGROUND..	1897.....	.....	30,840 40	30,840 40	4.6 "	0.4 mile	
† SPaulding SQUARE.....	1897.....	4,000 00	.....	4,000 00	0.14 acre		
MYSTIC PLAYGROUND.....	1897.....	50,125 00	30,515 54	80,640 54	2.3 acres		
† FELLOWS STREET PLAY- GROUND.....	1897.....	14,503 72	11,065 22	25,568 94	0.85 acre		
CHRISTOPHER GIBSON PLAY- GROUND.....	1897.....	37,709 58	10,042 75	47,752 33	5.8 acres		
COLUMBUS AVENUE PLAY- GROUND.....	{1899-1900...}	327,503 84	37,479 58	364,983 42	5 "		
ASHMONT PLAYGROUND.....	1899.....	43,990 09	9,000 00	52,990 09	2.2 "		
ROSLINDALE PLAYGROUND.....	1899.....	26,125 11	14,005 71	40,130 82	3.8 "		
FOREST HILLS PLAYGROUND...	1902.....	25,166 75	15,000 00	40,166 75	9.6 "		
Carried forward.....	.....	\$8,679,632 67	\$11,284,647 42	\$19,964,280 09	2,475.54 acres	45.08 miles	69.63 miles
						8.7 miles	118.4 acres

\* Transferred from, and \$454.15 expended by, the Public Grounds Department.

† Transferred to Street Department and from Street Department to Public Grounds Department.

‡ 25,470 square feet transferred from, and \$2,000 expended by, the Public Grounds Department.

Park and Recreation Statistics to January 31, 1916.—*Concluded.*

PARKS.	Year of Acquisition.	COST TO DATE.		Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.					
<i>Brought forward</i> .....	.....	\$8,679,632 67	\$11,284,647 42	2,475.54 acres	45.08 miles	69.63 miles	8.7 miles	118.4 acres
COTTAGE STREET PLAYGROUND,	1902.....	47,002 32	8,747 68	3.85 "				
RANDOLPH STREET PLAY- GROUND.....	1903.....	256,440 63	27,302 32	2.8 "				
MARCELA STREET PLAY- GROUND.....	1903-1905.....	.....	35,155 28	5.1 "				
<sup>1</sup> ROGERS PARK.....	1899.....	30,000 00	5,353 11	6.9 "				
BERNERS SQUARE.....	1901.....	.....	294 70	1.3 "				
<sup>2</sup> OAK SQUARE.....	1902.....	.....	1,279 89	0.22 acre				
<sup>2</sup> CAMBRIDGE, LINCOLN AND MANSFIELD STREETS.....	1910.....	.....	.....	0.32 "				
<sup>3</sup> COMMONWEALTH PLAY- GROUND.....	1905.....	.....	8,633 91	8.07 acres				
ORIENT HEIGHTS PLAY- GROUND.....	1909.....	10,015 00	26,124 02	{ 5.24 acres land 3.07 " Hats				
WEST THIRD STREET PLAY- GROUND.....	1909.....	10,201 30	4,000 00	0.28 acre				
WEST FIFTH STREET PLAY- GROUND.....	1909.....	10,201 30	4,537 40	0.41 "				
WILLIAM EUSTIS PLAYGROUND,	1909.....	68,187 06	24,477 49	4.88 acres				
JOHN WINTHROP PLAYGROUND,	1911.....	20,994 26	13,682 97	1.57 "				
PLAYGROUNDS, INVESTIGATING SITES.....	.....	295 29	.....	295 29				
<sup>4</sup> MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE PLAYGROUND.....	1912.....	.....	1,500 00	2.76 "				
NORFOLK STREET PLAYGROUND,	1912.....	22,011 33	26,106 41	6.34 "				
PARKINSON PLAYGROUND.....	1912.....	.....	1,565 00	4.5 "				

PARIS STREET PLAYGROUND...	1912.....	50,630 64	4,988 50	55,619 14	1.27 "			
TYLER STREET PLAYGROUND...	1912.....	26,239 19	10,387 81	36,627 00	0.26 acre			
CAROLINA AVENUE PLAY- GROUND.....	1912.....	25,477 60	1,972 78	27,450 38	3.08 acres			
PORTSMOUTH STREET PLAY- GROUND.....	1912.....	15,000 00	5,547 87	20,547 87	4.29 "			
6 PARKER HILL PLAYGROUND...	1912.....				4.5 "			1.6 "
6 WHARF PROPERTY, FREEPORT STREET, DORCHESTER.....	1912.....		28 00	28 00	{ 1.15 " land 2.54 " flats			
7 FACTORY HILL PLAYGROUND...	1912.....				5.2 "			
8 PAUL GORE STREET PLAY- GROUND.....	1913.....				0.74 acre			
9 RIPLEY PLAYGROUND.....	1913.....				0.86 "			
10 SMITH'S POND PLAYGROUND, General account.....	1914.....				20.08 acres			
9 WOOD PLAYGROUND.....	1913.....		73,987 50	73,987 50	3.1 "			
Park Nursery.....			29,947 07	29,947 07				
Betterment expenses.....			13,356 10	13,356 10				
Four spraying machines.....	1912.....		4,400 00	4,400 00				
Seating accommodations.....	1912.....		2,813 03	2,813 03				
Parkman House.....	1913.....		6,000 00	6,000 00				
		\$9,272,328 59	\$11,626,896 26	\$20,399,224 85	2,580.22 acres	45.08 miles	69.63 miles	8.7 miles 120 acres

<sup>1</sup> Transferred from, and \$30,000 expended for land by, the Public Grounds Department.

<sup>2</sup> Transferred from Street Commissioners.

<sup>3</sup> Custody given to the city by Statutes 1891, chapter 421.

<sup>4</sup> Leased by Park Department.

<sup>5</sup> Transferred from Public Works Department, Water Service.

<sup>6</sup> Transferred from Public Works Department, Sanitary Service.

<sup>7</sup> Acquired by annexation of Hyde Park.

<sup>8</sup> Transferred from School Department.

<sup>9</sup> Acquired by gift.

<sup>10</sup> Transferred from Metropolitan Park Commission.

Of the above total lengths of driveways, walks and rides, there have been completed to date, respectively, 40.8 miles, 59.2 miles and 6.3 miles.

## Beaches, Swimming Pools and Floating Baths Attendance, 1915-16.

	Men.	Boys.	Pool.	Women.	Girls.	Total.
Dover Street Bridge Floating Bath,	6,050	38,840	.....	7,401	21,055	73,346
L Street Bath House.....	312,857	173,847	.....	58,960	90,155	635,819
Wood Island Park Bath.....	83,326	30,142	.....	9,880	14,460	137,808
Border Street Floating Bath.....	1,111	23,090	.....	5,751	16,338	46,290
North End Park.....	5,846	120,157	.....	3,791	43,992	173,786
Dewey Beach Bath.....	17,040	65,895	.....	18,420	37,815	139,170
Charlesbank Floating Bath.....	8,480	52,460	.....	16,150	37,576	114,666
Jeffries Point Floating Bath.....	.....	7,054	.....	1,265	5,712	14,031
Warren Bridge Floating Bath.....	19,125	51,975	.....	21,500	25,025	117,625
Tenean Beach Bath.....	20,944	34,105	.....	9,867	26,376	91,292
Curtis Hall Pool.....	.....	.....	42,224	.....	.....	42,224
Cabot Street Pool.....	.....	.....	19,424	.....	.....	19,424
Ward 16 Pool.....	.....	.....	7,434	.....	.....	7,434
McKenzie Beach Bath.....	4,428	41,195	.....	4,710	31,878	82,211
Freeport Street Bath.....	9,320	20,470	.....	6,370	16,975	53,135
Savin Hill Beach.....	44,970	27,855	.....	34,450	24,665	131,940
	533,497	687,085	69,082	198,515	392,022	1,880,201

## Shower Baths Attendance, 1915-16.

	Men.	Boys.	Women.	Girls.	Total.
Dover Street Bath.....	153,901	9,728	40,378	13,607	217,614
Cabot Street Bath.....	68,911	44,443	17,707	13,241	144,302
North Bennet Street Bath.....	117,987	18,331	33,608	15,000	184,926
Ward 16 Gymnasium.....	47,826	31,031	10,869	10,765	100,491
Ward 7 Gymnasium.....	38,918	13,833	3,980	3,527	60,258
Ward 9 Gymnasium.....	28,463	7,660	3,364	2,104	41,591
East Boston Gymnasium.....	68,363	18,229	14,062	13,718	114,372
L Street Bath.....	312,857	173,847	58,960	90,155	635,819
D Street Gymnasium.....	32,262	22,366	4,119	10,620	69,367
Curtis Hall Baths.....	33,695	45,423	17,085	11,930	108,133
Ward 3 Gymnasium.....	66,630	34,295	9,080	10,910	120,915
Ward 15 Municipal Building.....	82,137	10,517	37,643	26,101	156,398
Ward 17 Municipal Building.....	13,350	5,414	4,230	2,732	25,726
	1,065,300	435,117	255,085	224,410	1,979,912



## Gymnasia — Class and Individual Attendance, 1915-16.

	Indi- viduals.	Men.	School- boys.	Working Boys.	Women.	Girls.	Mothers.	Total.
Cabot Street Gymnasium.....	5,424	3,916	5,965	3,897	1,732	3,275	409	24,618
North Bennet Street Gymnasium,	4,039	2,545	7,645	1,520	674	2,465	.....	18,888
Ward 16 Gymnasium.....	4,223	7,751	8,203	6,509	6,288	9,536	6,096	48,606
Ward 7 Gymnasium.....	288	515	1,709	309	314	880	.....	4,015
Ward 9 Gymnasium.....	3,141	2,571	5,877	719	1,598	4,319	767	18,992
East Boston Gymnasium.....	2,774	5,124	7,688	3,394	2,165	6,636	.....	27,781
D Street Gymnasium.....	4,268	3,723	8,839	2,847	888	3,286	377	24,228
Curtis Hall Gymnasium.....	3,535	3,510	5,605	4,180	4,870	4,880	2,685	29,265
Ward 3 Gymnasium.....	2,428	1,689	3,219	2,070	1,797	3,862	1,911	16,976
Ward 17 Gymnasium.....	1,546	1,262	4,647	609	1,765	3,666	721	14,216
	31,666	32,606	59,397	26,054	22,091	42,805	12,966	227,585

### Skating and Toboggan Attendance, 1915-16.

	Days.	Total Attendance.	Average Attendance.
Billings Field.....	44	15,909	362
Columbus Avenue.....	39	17,111	439
Charlesbank.....	13	6,600	507
Charlestown Playground.....	39	29,080	745
Commonwealth Park.....	32	9,115	284
Cottage Street, East Boston.....	22	11,022	501
First Street Playground.....	19	45,700	2,405
Franklin Field.....	19	82,328	4,333
Forest Hills.....	29	4,538	156
Gibson Street Playground.....	23	15,650	680
Marcella Street Playground.....	41	20,634	503
Mystic Playground.....	40	5,673	141
Neponset Playground.....	31	11,780	380
North Brighton Playground.....	24	24,534	1,022
Norfolk Street Playground.....	29	8,425	290
Orient Heights.....	4	300	75
Randolph Street Playground.....	16	8,541	533
Strandway Playground.....	20	20,150	1,007
Savin Hill Playground.....	23	18,185	790
William Eustis Playground.....	15	6,910	460
Wood Island Park.....	26	21,865	841
Totals.....	548	384,050	16,454
Tobogganing, Franklin Park.....	21	20,660	984

## Total Annual Attendance, 1915-16.

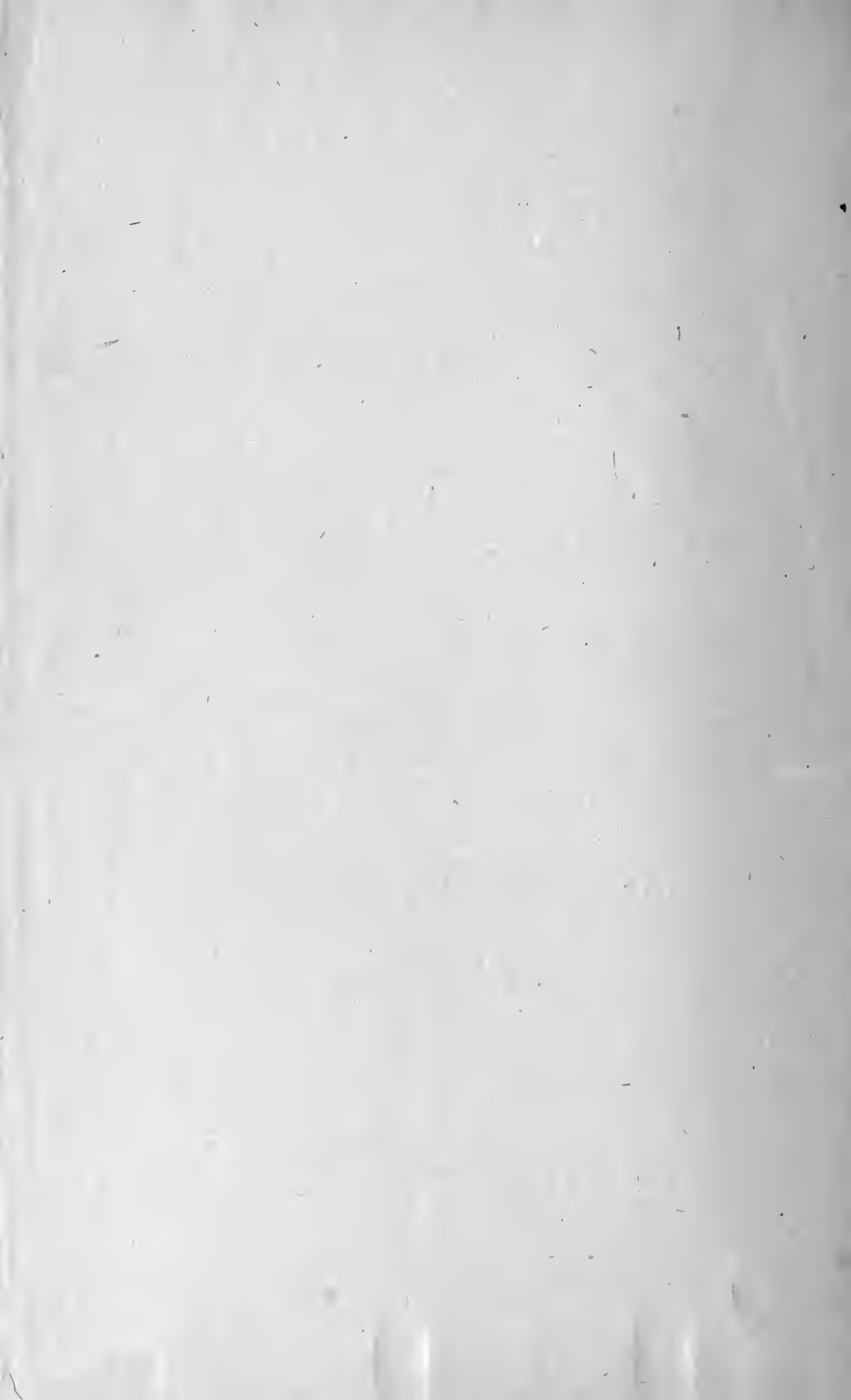
Ashmont Playground . . . . .	118,811
Billings Field . . . . .	86,812
Columbus Avenue Playground . . . . .	129,130
Cottage Street Playground . . . . .	138,383
Charlestown Playground . . . . .	197,209
Charlesbank, women's gymnasium . . . . .	95,276
Charlesbank, men's gymnasium . . . . .	144,108
Commonwealth Park . . . . .	130,575
Dorchester Park . . . . .	8,362
Forest Hills Playground . . . . .	181,826
Franklin Field . . . . .	275,297
First Street Playground . . . . .	294,449
Gibson Playground . . . . .	258,325
John Winthrop Playground . . . . .	39,400
Marcella Street Playground . . . . .	295,243
Mystic Playground . . . . .	80,613
Norfolk Street Playground . . . . .	85,001
Neponset Playground . . . . .	135,771
North Brighton Playground . . . . .	177,655
Orient Heights Playground . . . . .	44,290
Roslindale Playground . . . . .	162,453
Randolph Street Playground . . . . .	115,066
Ripley Playground . . . . .	15,232
Ronan Park . . . . .	22,425
Strandway . . . . .	257,525
Savin Hill Playground . . . . .	72,860
William Eustis Playground . . . . .	295,071
West Fifth Street Playground . . . . .	88,370
West Third Street Playground . . . . .	57,070
Wood Island Park . . . . .	100,245
Ward 5 Playground . . . . .	8,001
Total . . . . .	4,110,854
Franklin Park golf . . . . .	27,026
	<u>4,137,800</u>













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